connections in Shahjahanpur village have already been provided on underground cable. Telephone connections to waitlisted persons in Anjani & Shahjahanpur villages are planned to be provided on WLL system & underground cables by 31-8-2002.

Software exports to Germany

2351. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Germany has become India's new software market;

(b) if so, whether after the US and the UK, Germany is fast emerging as the largest market for Indian Software exports despite slowdown;

(c) whether Germany has also started introducing Green Cards to IT specialists which has created enthusiasm among IT firms in India;

(d) if so, to what extent software exports to Germany has improved; and

(e) what are the other countries to which India is exporting software?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) In the European market, Germany has been the third largest destination for software exports from India.

(b) In view of the slowdown in US the largest market, IT exporters from India have increased their focus on the German market.

(c) Yes, Sir. Germany has launched a special Green Card Scheme for encouraging India IT professionals to work in Germany.

(d) India's computer software/services export to Germany has increased from Rs. 687.66 crore (US$ 159.92 million) in the year 1999-2000 to an estimated value Rs. 1143.93 crore (US$ 239.81 million) during the year 2001-02 resulting in a growth of 66.35% (49.95% in US$ term)in a span of two years.

(e) A statement showing the country-wise details of IT exports from India is enclosed.

Statement

Major destinations for
Computer Software & Related Services Exports
(2001-02 vs 2000-01)

*Value: Rs. Cr.
(US$ Mln.)

Destination	2001-02 Value	2001-02 %age of Sectoral Total	2000-01 Value	2000-01 %age of Sectoral Total	Variation (%) In value terms	Variation (%) In %age Share terms
USA & Canada	23428.59 (4911.65)	64.19	17067.04 (3710.23)	62.06	37.27 (32.38)	3.43
Europe (EU Countries)	8555.48 (1793.60)	23.44	6125.11 (1339.55)	22.27	39.68 (34.70)	5.24
Japan Korea & Other Far East Countries	1518.09 (318.26)	4.16	907.25 (197.23)	3.30	67.33 (61.37)	26.07
Singapore Hongkong & Other South Asian Countries	1467.19 (307.59)	4.02	1493.54 (324.68)	5.43	-1.76 -(5.27)	-25.90
Austrialia & Other Oceanic Countries	447.31 (93.78)	1.23	822.20 (178.74)	2.99	-45.60 -(47.53)	-59.01
Europe (Non EU Countries)	395.11 (82.83)	1.08	378.70 (82.33)	1.38	4.33 (0.61)	-21.39
Middle East Countries	327.18 (68.59)	0.90	440.36 (95.73)	1.60	-25.70 -(28.35)	-44.02
African Countries	250.40 (52.49)	0.69	224.34 (48.77)	0.82	11.82 (7.64)	-15.91
Russia & C.I.S. Countries	63.53 (13.32)	0.17	5.47 (1.19)	0.02	1061.43 (1020.03)	775.05
Latin America	47.11 (9.88)	0.13	35.99 (7.82)	0.13	30.90 (26.23)	-1.38
TOTAL:	36500.00 (7652.00)	100.00	27500.00 (5978.26)	100.00	32.73 (28.00)	
Average Exchange Rate 1US$=	47.70		46.00			